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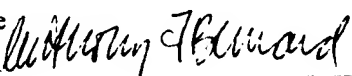
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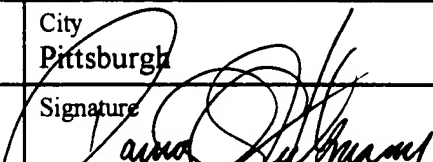
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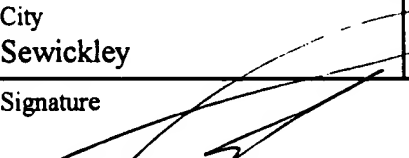
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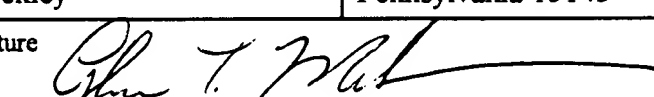
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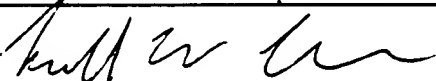
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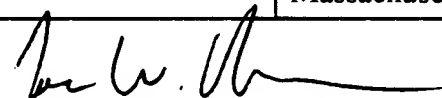
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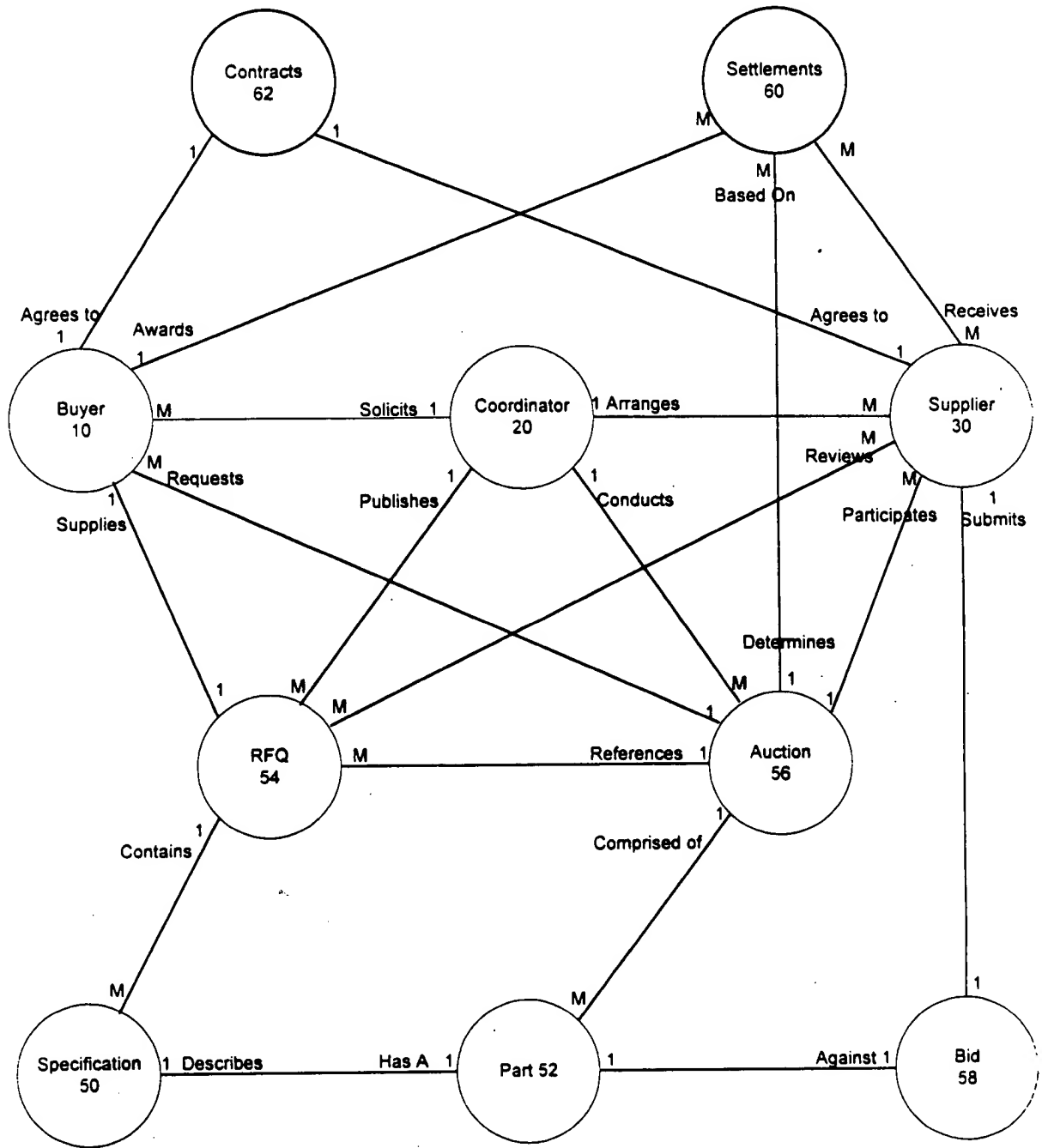


Fig. 1



Fig. 2 - System Flow

	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Buyer</b>	<b>Supplier</b>
<b>Initial Contact 102</b>	Contact buyer	Provide Data	
<b>RFQ 104</b>	Collect & Administer RFQ Data	Provide RFQ Data	
	Publish & Administer RFQ		Access RFQ
	Manage RFQ Response		Respond to RFQ
<b>Auction Administration 106</b>		Request Auction	
	Coordinate & Administer Auction Setup		
	Assist & Administer User Auction Prep		Prepare for Auction
<b>Conduct Auction 108</b>	Assist & Administer Auction	Observe	Bid
<b>Administer Auction Results 110</b>	Analyze & Administer CBE Results	View Auction Results	View Auction Results
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